Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

November 2015

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering November 8th to 14th, 2015, there were 577,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 2,200 from October 2015 and 7,200 more than the number employed in November 2014.

Agricultural employment was 41,800 persons in November 2015, down 2,300 from the October 2015 level and 200 more than the November 2014 agricultural employment level of 41,600. Non-agricultural employment was 526,000persons in November 2015. This is an increase of 100 from the October 2015 non-agriculture employment level of 535,900 and 7,000 more than November 2014.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for November 2015 was 5.0 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the October 2015 rate of 4.9 percent and 1.8 percentage points higher than the November 2014 level of 3.2 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 1,600 to 608,300 persons in November 2015 from 609,900 persons in October 2015. This is 18,700 more than the November 2014 labour force of 589,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.2 percentage points to 70.4 percent in November 2015 from 70.6 percent in October 2015. The November 2014 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.9 percent.

There were 30,500 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during November 2015. This is an increase of 600 from October 2015 and is 11,400 more than the number unemployed in November 2014.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 579,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in November 2015, up 2,400 from the October 2015 level of 577,300 and is up 6,000 from the November 2014 employment level of 573,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2015 was 5.5 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the October 2015 rate of 5.6 percent and 2.1 percentage points higher than the November 2014 rate of 3.4 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 101,100 persons in November 2015 to 17,993,200 persons from 18,094,300 persons in October 2015. In November 2014, there were 17,871,200 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.3 percentage points in November 2015 to 6.6 percent from the October 2015 level of 6.3 percent. In November 2014, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.1 percent in November 2015. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than October 2015 and 0.4 percentage points higher than the November 2014 level of 6.7 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	November 2015	October 2015	November 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,257.3	19,318.0	19,054.2	-60.7	203.1
Employed ('000)	17,993.2	18,094.3	17,871.2	-101.1	122.0
Full-Time ('000)	14,529.4	14,608.9	14,327.1	-79.5	202.3
Part-Time ('000)	3,463.8	3,485.3	3,544.1	-21.5	-80.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,264.1	1,223.8	1,183.1	40.3	81.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.3	6.2	0.3	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.1	7.0	6.7	0.1	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	65.5	65.8	65.5	-0.3	0.0
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	608.3	609.9	589.6	-1.6	18.7
Employed ('000)	577.8	580.0	570.6	-2.2	7.2
Full-Time ('000)	470.6	476.9	468.0	-6.3	2.6
Part-Time ('000)	107.2	103.1	102.5	4.1	4.7
Unemployed ('000)	30.5	29.9	19.1	0.6	11.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.9	3.2	0.1	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	5.6	3.4	-0.1	2.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.4	70.6	68.9	-0.2	1.5
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Labour Force ('000)	2,447.4	2,451.5	2,390.6	-4.1	56.8
Employed ('000)	2,289.7	2,303.3	2,295.7	-13.6	-6.0
Full-Time ('000)	1,891.0	1,876.2	1,904.7	14.8	-13.7
Part-Time ('000)	398.8	427.1	391.0	-28.3	7.8
Unemployed ('000)	157.7	148.2	94.9	9.5	62.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.0	4.0	0.4	2.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.0	6.6	4.4	0.4	2.6
Participation Rate (%)	72.5	72.7	72.2	-0.2	0.3
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Labour Force ('000)	673.9	676.8	663.8	-2.9	10.1
Employed ('000)	636.2	644.5	632.9	-8.3	3.3
Full-Time ('000)	505.2	520.4	512.4	-15.2	-7.2
Part-Time ('000)	131.1	124.1	120.5	7.0	10.6
Unemployed ('000)	37.7	32.2	31.0	5.5	6.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	4.8	4.7	0.8	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.1	5.3	5.1	0.8	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.0	68.3	67.7	-0.3	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	November 2015	October 2015	November 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	608.3	609.9	589.6	-1.6	18.7
Male	330.2	332.8	320.3	-2.6	9.9
Female	278.1	277.1	269.3	1.0	8.8
15-24 Years of Age	89.0	90.7	88.2	-1.7	0.8
25+ Years of age	519.3	519.2	501.4	0.1	17.9
EMPLOYED ('000)	577.8	580.0	570.6	-2.2	7.2
Male	312.6	315.4	309.4	-2.8	3.2
Female	265.2	264.6	261.1	0.6	4.1
15-24 Years of Age	81.0	81.2	81.9	-0.2	-0.9
25+ Years of age	496.8	498.8	488.6	-2.0	8.2
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	30.5	29.9	19.1	0.6	11.4
Male	17.6	17.4	10.9	0.2	6.7
Female	12.9	12.5	8.2	0.4	4.7
15-24 Years of Age	8.0	9.4	6.3	-1.4	1.7
25+ Years of age	22.5	20.4	12.8	2.1	9.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.0	4.9	3.2	0.1	1.8
Male	5.3	5.2	3.4	0.1	1.9
Female	4.6	4.5	3.0	0.1	1.6
15-24 Years of Age	9.0	10.4	7.1	-1.4	1.9
25+ Years of age	4.3	3.9	2.6	0.4	1.7
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	70.4	70.6	68.9	-0.2	1.5
Male	75.7	76.4	74.3	-0.7	1.4
Female	64.9	64.7	63.4	0.2	1.5
15-24 Years of Age	65.5	66.7	63.8	-1.2	1.7
25+ Years of age	71.3	71.3	69.8	0.0	1.5

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	November 2015	October 2015	November 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	41.8	44.1	41.6	-2.3	0.2
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	27.4	26.9	29.2	0.5	-1.8
Utilities	7.0	7.0	6.1	0.0	0.9
Construction	57.3	59.4	58.5	-2.1	-1.2
Manufacturing	26.1	27.2	27.5	-1.1	-1.4
Trade	87.3	84.7	83.6	2.6	3.7
Transportation and Warehousing	28.1	29.1	28.8	-1.0	-0.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.5	30.7	30.7	-0.2	-0.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	26.3	26.2	26.8	0.1	-0.5
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.0	13.9	13.4	-0.9	-0.4
Educational Services	43.5	42.7	45.5	0.8	-2.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	79.2	78.0	73.5	1.2	5.7
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.8	20.2	15.7	0.6	5.1
Accommodation and Food Services	38.6	37.7	35.2	0.9	3.4
Other Services	24.9	24.7	25.0	0.2	-0.1
Public Administration	26.1	27.6	29.5	-1.5	-3.4
Total	577.8	580.0	570.6	-2.2	7.2
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	470.6	476.9	468.0	-6.3	2.6
Part-Time	107.2	103.1	102.5	4.1	4.7
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	471.3	472.3	458.5	-1.0	12.8
Public Sector	138.4	135.4	138.7	3.0	-0.3
Private Sector	332.9	336.8	319.8	-3.9	13.1
Self-Employed	106.5	107.7	112.0	-1.2	-5.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	November 2015	October 2015	November 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,993.2	18,094.3	17,871.2	-101.1	122.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	234.2	237.1	237.4	-2.9	-3.2
Prince Edward Island	71.5	75.6	72.3	-4.1	-0.8
Nova Scotia	446.9	456.6	448.6	-9.7	-1.7
New Brunswick	350.8	358.4	350.3	-7.6	0.5
Quebec	4,099.0	4,128.3	4,075.6	-29.3	23.4
Ontario	6,942.1	6,955.2	6,906.5	-13.1	35.6
Manitoba	636.2	644.5	632.9	-8.3	3.3
Saskatchewan	577.8	580.0	570.6	-2.2	7.2
Alberta	2,289.7	2,303.3	2,295.7	-13.6	-6.0
British Columbia	2,345.0	2,355.1	2,281.3	-10.1	63.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.6	6.3	6.2	0.3	0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.9	11.6	11.0	1.3	1.9
Prince Edward Island	11.4	8.3	11.5	3.1	-0.1
Nova Scotia	8.4	6.9	8.6	1.5	-0.2
New Brunswick	8.2	7.7	9.7	0.5	-1.5
Quebec	7.0	6.8	7.2	0.2	-0.2
Ontario	6.3	6.2	6.4	0.1	-0.1
Manitoba	5.6	4.8	4.7	0.8	0.9
Saskatchewan	5.0	4.9	3.2	0.1	1.8
Alberta	6.4	6.0	4.0	0.4	2.4
British Columbia	5.9	6.0	5.5	-0.1	0.4

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	November 2015	October 2015	November 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,986.8	18,022.5	17,862.8	-35.7	124.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	235.5	235.3	240.0	0.2	-4.5
Prince Edward Island	73.5	74.4	74.3	-0.9	-0.8
Nova Scotia	448.8	451.1	451.1	-2.3	-2.3
New Brunswick	352.5	355.5	351.3	-3.0	1.2
Quebec	4,096.7	4,100.7	4,066.8	-4.0	29.9
Ontario	6,930.8	6,937.2	6,896.7	-6.4	34.1
Manitoba	636.4	641.8	633.3	-5.4	3.1
Saskatchewan	579.7	577.3	573.7	2.4	6.0
Alberta	2,289.5	2,304.4	2,291.8	-14.9	-2.3
British Columbia	2,343.4	2,344.8	2,283.8	-1.4	59.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.1	7.0	6.7	0.1	0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.0	13.0	11.0	0.0	2.0
Prince Edward Island	10.4	9.9	10.4	0.5	0.0
Nova Scotia	8.6	7.8	8.9	0.8	-0.3
New Brunswick	8.7	9.0	10.0	-0.3	-1.3
Quebec	7.5	7.7	7.6	-0.2	-0.1
Ontario	6.9	6.8	7.0	0.1	-0.1
Manitoba	6.1	5.3	5.1	0.8	1.0
Saskatchewan	5.5	5.6	3.4	-0.1	2.1
Alberta	7.0	6.6	4.4	0.4	2.6
British Columbia	6.2	6.3	5.7	-0.1	0.5

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	November 2015	October 2015	November 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	5.8	6.5	5.7	-0.7	0.1
Halifax	5.8	5.9	5.9	-0.1	-0.1
Saint John	6.2	7.7	7.4	-1.5	-1.2
Quebec	4.1	5.0	4.4	-0.9	-0.3
Montreal	8.0	8.7	7.6	-0.7	0.4
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.0	6.3	6.1	-0.3	-0.1
Toronto	6.7	7.1	7.6	-0.4	-0.9
Greater Sudbury	7.5	7.4	5.2	0.1	2.3
Winnipeg	5.3	5.6	5.4	-0.3	-0.1
Regina	3.7	4.1	3.3	-0.4	0.4
Saskatoon	5.6	6.1	3.2	-0.5	2.4
Calgary	6.5	6.7	4.3	-0.2	2.2
Edmonton	5.8	6.0	4.7	-0.2	1.1
Vancouver	5.7	5.9	6.0	-0.2	-0.3
Victoria	6.1	6.1	4.8	0.0	1.3
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	186.0	185.4	183.9	0.6	2.1
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.5	52.7	52.6	-0.2	-0.1
Saskatoon-Biggar	201.9	202.4	198.9	-0.5	3.0
Yorkton-Melville	38.6	38.3	39.4	0.3	-0.8
Prince Albert & Northern	100.0	100.7	101.2	-0.7	-1.2

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	November 2015	October 2015	November 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	608.7	611.0	592.9	-2.3	15.8
Employed ('000)	580.1	580.4	573.8	-0.3	6.3
Unemployed ('000)	28.6	30.6	19.1	-2.0	9.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	5.0	3.2	-0.3	1.5
Participation Rate (%)	70.4	70.8	69.2	-0.4	1.2
Employment Rate (%)	67.1	67.2	67.0	-0.1	0.1
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	559.2	560.4	545.0	-1.2	14.2
Employed ('000)	536.8	536.5	529.8	0.3	7.0
Unemployed ('000)	22.4	23.9	15.2	-1.5	7.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	4.3	2.8	-0.3	1.2
Participation Rate (%)	71.1	71.3	69.9	-0.2	1.2
Employment Rate (%)	68.3	68.3	68.0	0.0	0.3
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	49.5	50.6	47.9	-1.1	1.6
Employed ('000)	43.2	43.9	43.9	-0.7	-0.7
Unemployed ('000)	6.2	6.7	3.9	-0.5	2.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.6	13.3	8.2	-0.7	4.4
Participation Rate (%)	63.5	65.1	62.6	-1.6	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	55.5	56.5	57.4	-1.0	-1.9
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Labour Force ('000)	18.6	19.5	18.1	-0.9	0.5
Employed ('000)	14.8	15.5	15.6	-0.7	-0.8
Unemployed ('000)	3.7	4.1	2.5	-0.4	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	20.1	20.8	13.9	-0.7	6.2
Participation Rate (%)	56.5	59.5	56.1	-3.0	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	45.1	47.2	48.3	-2.1	-3.2
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Labour Force ('000)	30.4	30.7	29.7	-0.3	0.7
Employed ('000)	27.9	28.0	28.4	-0.1	-0.5
Unemployed ('000)	2.5	2.6	1.4	-0.1	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.2	8.6	4.6	-0.4	3.6
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	69.1	67.4	-0.3	1.4
Employment Rate (%)	63.1	63.1	64.3	0.0	-1.2

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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